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SUBJECT: U.S. FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

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1. ON JULY 23 GENERAL FELIX OLCESE, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT OF FABRICACIONES MILITARES (FM) ASKED COMATT TO CALL ON HIM TO DISCUSS U.S. CONTROLS ON FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS. THE GENERAL EMPHASIZED DEPENDENCE OF ARGENTINE STEEL INDUSTRY, INCLUDING PRIVATE AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT-OWNED, ON U.S. SCRAP. REQUESTED THAT USG GIVE ARGENTINA A QUOTA OF 300,000 TONS FOR REMIANDER OF 1973 AND 600,000 TONS FOR 1974. THIS WOULD COVER PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES. SAID THAT FM AS EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR NATIONAL STEEL PLAN CONTROL AND ALLOCATES IMPORTS OF SCRAP. HE MENTIONED AN EXPORT CONTROL BULLETIN WHICH APPARENTLY CONTAINS INFORMATION ON FIXING COUNTRY QUOTAS. NONE OF THE REFERENCES AVAILABLE TO US MENTION EXPORT QUOTAS.

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2. GENERAL OLCESE SAID HE HOPED THAT ARGENTINA
COULD BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION
FOR QUOTA OF THIS SIZE, DESPITE LOW
HISTORICAL BASE, BECAUSE OF THE EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN U.S. AND FM-OWNED
COMPANIES SUCH AS SOMISA AND ALTOS HORNOS ZAPLA.

3. COMATT INFORMED GENERAL OLCESE THAT HIS REQUEST
WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON. THE GENERAL'S
REMARKS ABOUT "EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS"
HINTED STRONGLY THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION IN THE
MINDS OF FM EXECUTIVES BETWEEN U.S. WILLINGNESS TO
BE FORTHCOMING ON THE SCRAP QUESTION AND POSSIBILITIES
FOR U.S. COMPANIES IN SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT FOR SOMISA
EXPANSION PLAN (SEE B.A. A-97, MARCH 19, 1973 AND
PREVIOUS). WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON
COUNTRY QUOTAS, IF THESE ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED.
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